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Press Release

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Justice Thornton Addresses Authority; Funds Allocated for Projects

The annual May meeting of the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority Board of Directors began with the introduction of Arkansas Supreme Court Associate Justice Ray Thornton. Thornton was invited by Authority President John W. Ahlen, Ph.D., to address the Board of Directors.

A longtime advocate of the Authority and a key player in the creation of the state agency, Thornton was invited to address the Board following expansion of its membership and appointment of new Board members.

Following the presentation, the Board approved 9 draft resolutions, one charge-off and the Biennial Budget proposal to the Legislature. The resolutions included the following:

<u>Company or University</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference Number</u>
Gerber Products, Fort Smith, AR	Technology Transfer	\$3,750	98-TTAG-0037
Hummelstein Iron & Metal, Jonesboro, AR	Technology Transfer	\$3,750	98-TTAG-0038

<u>Company or University</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference Number</u>
Engineered Specialty Products, Hot Springs, AR	Technology Transfer	\$3,740	98-TTAG-0039
Frigidaire Home Products, Nashville, AR	Technology Transfer	\$3,750	98-TTAG-0041
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Technology Development	\$50,000	98-TDP-01
Audio Access Inc., Little Rock, AR	Technology Development	\$29,200	98-TDP-02
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Basic Research	\$17,383	98-B-39
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Basic Research	\$44,906	98-B-42
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Basic Research	\$44,099	98-B-43
Lyon College, Batesville, AR	Basic Research	\$20,661	98-B-45
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR	EPSCoR	\$2,000,000	Resolution 98-25
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	EPSCoR	\$250,000 (max.)	Resolution 98-26
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville University of Arkansas, Little Rock Arkansas State University	Field Engineers	\$52,102 \$19,832 \$35,000	Resolution 98-27

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From Left, Michael Murphy, Arkansas Science & Technology Authority Board of Directors chairman, Arkansas Supreme Court Associate Justice Ray Thornton and Authority President John W. Ahlen, Ph.D., during the May meeting of the Authority Board. Thornton, who played a major role in the creation of the Authority, provided a history of the state agency for recently appointed Board members.

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.

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